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NEWSLETTER HAS NEW LOOK.....

We have a new look for our newsletter. Due to budgetary restrictions we have had to reduce the size of our newsletter. The club Board of Directors decided in March to scale down the publication in order to budget our club funds more wisely. As our roster grows larger we will begin to expand the size of the newsletter.

Brad Stone, NB9M, has resigned as newsletter editor. Jack Parker, N9EXK, will be picking up this responsibility on a temporary basis until a new editor can be found. If you are interested in editing the publication contact Jack. We thank Brad for his generous contributions to the club and with the newsletter.

Congratulations to Walt Howard, KA9OQK, for upgrading to General class operator April 19th in Franklin. We expect to hear Walt on the repeater more often in the future.

Welcome to newcomer Paul Easley, KA9KAI. Paul lives in Franklin, works the low bands and can frequently be heard working the 2-meter frequencies.

Sunday April 13th we found out just how foxy Sandy Sanders, WA9RDF, can be. Our first fox hunt of the year was held under the direction of activities chairman Paul Thomas, KA9DTH. Several club members plus veteran fox hunters from the Indianapolis area participated in the hunt. The hunting team of Jack Parker, N9EXK and Larry Kemp, N9DLN finished second in the competition. The best time of 44 minutes was logged by Tom Curran, N9DZJ. Jack and Larry finished in just under ninety minutes.

April 27th we had our second Fox Hunt. This one centered around the area of Camp Attebury. WA9RDF lead the five participants on a merry chase through the countryside. Larry Oaks, WB9YAJ was the first one to find Sandy. Larry Kemp, N9DLN was second. Plans for future Fox Hunts are being formulated.

PHONE PATCH

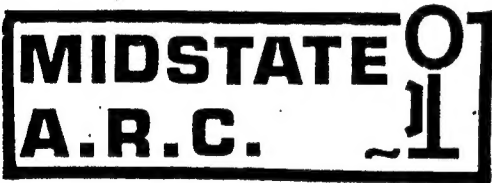
The phone patch installation is coming along slow but sure. Everyone in the club will be given the access code when the system becomes operational. Larry Oaks, WB9YAJ, Paul Thomas, KA9DTH, and Mark Quebe, N9EKG have been working for several weeks trying to get everything hooked up properly. Larry Kemp, N9DLN and Tom Carroll, N9AZD climbed the water tower to install the receive antenna and coax. Jack Parker, N9EXK provided ground support. Video tape copies of their daring climb up the tower are available upon request....At this writing a problem with the 440 link is keeping things from being put on line. The project is expected to be completed before the end of May.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

May 17th Club Meeting, House of Franklin 8 A.M.  
May 17th Soccer Jamboree 7:30 A.M. Center Grove Elementary School  
May 18th Soccer Jamboree at Center Grove 7:30 A.M.  
June 8th Masonic Home Pilgrimage Details later..  
June 28 & 29 Field Day Whiteland High School  
July Johnson County Fair Booth

CIVIL DEFENSE ASKES FOR HELP

Johnson County Civil Defense Director Sam Williams has asked Midstate ARC to man the 2-meter equipment in the planned jail communications center. The Civil Defense will have an office in the basement of the new facility. Williams met with our board of directors in April to ask for our support and input into the kind and type of equipment needed for emergency communications. Our role would be to augment the Sheriff's Department and Civil Defense in time of disaster. During an emergency one of our members would operate the radio acting as a liason to the Civil Defense. Of course, all of this planning hinges on the passing of a bond issue to fund the expansion of the jail complex in Franklin. We will have more details in the future.



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